

The McDowell Times

World Affairs

The embargo on exports and imports to and from Japan has brought the whole world situation to a head. After many months in which the United States leaned over backward to keep the Japanese quiet the Japs interpreted the move as that Uncle Sam was afraid of them and decided to act. When Uncle Sam heard this he acted too. No longer will we appease Japan and she can go to hell. What's more if they move just a little close to our sources of supply in vital raw materials the will have to fight us, no two ways about it. Our navy has long known this and it is ready now, in addition it is in position.

The dunderheaded Jap war lord government thinks that the U. S. nay and those British and Dutch ships and armed forces at and around Singapore are push overs. For any untried and poorly manned ships as Japan has to challenge the American navy and the war hardened British and Dutch is so silly we would laugh if we did not happen to be so mad.

A war for Japan will mean for her domain status exactly as we hold the Philippines—if anyone can see ways of profit in exploiting the islands. She has no chance whatever of even lasting until her opposition has rallied its full strength. It takes real power to oppose America alone, and for the Japs to take on England and the Dutch also makes the little runts from the islands a laughing stock, and even Hitler is sniggering up his sleeve when his ally is not looking.

Hitler has not had the victory he expected in Russia. Millions of brave and well-armed Russians are still charging ceaselessly and determinedly on his dug-in forces. The Reds are not retreating at all. This resistance has wrecked his plans and if it continues long will not only cause Hitler trouble but be his death knell. The Reds vow that they will exterminate every German in Russia without regard to the cost, and to the impartial outside observer they are doing a pretty good job. Not only have they stalled the giant German military machine but have been actually counter attacking with minor successes here and there and inflicting heavy men and material casualties — which is their idea of victory. They want the Germans to stay where they are to be slaughtered bit by bit. It is thus Hitler finds himself a bit disconcerted and chagrined no end.

The Russian is hardly up to par and no one expects him to accomplish much against the Germans, but murder is one of the Red's specialties and small wonder that the life of a German in Russia is risky.

The cheering that America gives Stalin is entirely that variety any fair-minded man would give when a householder throws an intruder out of his home. It does not take into consideration how much or little our personal like for him may be. As a matter of fact America has little or no love for Russia. And if both destroy each other we will cheer even louder!

Russia for Russians is out idea of the Soviets, and we think the best way to help Stalin is to send him COD all the Reds and pinks over here.

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W. Va. State Is Host To PTA and ATA Meet



Pres. John W. Davis of West Virginia State College

Pres Davis Given Defence Bond Position By U.S.

TELEGRAMS

To John Warren Davis, Pres. W. Va. State College Institute, W. Va.

"The Treasury Department is planning to organize a committee of public spirited citizens in each state to encourage participation by all the people in financing the National Defense thru the purchase of Defense Saving Bonds and Stamps. As a major aid to the Treasury program I will be much gratified if you will accept membership on the Defense Saving Committee for the state of West Virginia.

(Signed) Henry Morgenthau, Jr., Sec. of the Treasury, August 1, 1941

Hon. Henry Morgenthau, Jr., Sec. of the Treasury, Washington, D. C.

I will gladly accept membership on the Defense Savings Committee of the State of West Virginia. I am honored to respond favorably to your call to serve our country.

(Signed) John W. Davis, August 1, 1941

GERMANS BEING ROOTED OUT OF SOUTH AMERICA

Slowly but surely South America is being freed of German influences. Several of the small countries have, under U. S. urging, either expelled or placed under control German organizations, and by fall all such will be either dispersed or sent home. A sharp watch will be kept on all Germans or suspected native pro-Axis agents.

All Japanese nationals have

PTAs Extend Appreciation To W. Va. State Col.

Dr. John W. Davis, West Va. State Col Institute, W. Va.

My dear Dr. Davis—

Words are inadequate to express our hearty appreciation for the most cordial reception for the National Congress of Colored Parents and Teachers have received while in convention on your campus. The Congress wishes to extend its most hearty thanks to you and all of your staff for their interest and co-operation in making our stay a most comfortable and enjoyable one.

(Signed) Leonidas S. James, Executive Secretary.

been under strict watch for 16 months and the whereabouts of each and what he is doing noted day and night.

Every island in the Caribbean has quietly been combed with extreme care and those which are suspected (or known) to be used by Axis sympathizers have been attended to. Also the jungle airports and colonies are no longer of any danger as the inhabitants will discover in the event of war.

Key men of the Axis plans are not only known but will be in prison camps a few moments after word is sent out for their arrest.

First to Install Gas

Baltimore, the first American city to install gas, succumbed to the inevitable in 1821, after much opposition. As late as 1833 a petition to the Philadelphia common council warned against gas as "ignitable as gunpowder and as nearly fatal in its effects as regards the large destruction of property."

The week of July 27 brought to fit climax the semi-centennial year of the West Virginia State college when the institution was host to the 15th National Congress of Colored, Parents and Teachers, Mrs. Mary Foster McDavid president; and to the 38th convention of the American Teachers Association, Miss Mary L. Williams, President.

The keynote of the convention was sounded by President John W. Davis, in the opening session. Said President Davis: "The Parent-Teacher Association interest suggest workers' education, nutrition and consumer education and complete civilian participation in all modern curricula....In the Curricula should be included instruction in the fundamental principles that underlie family relationships and the relationship of education to the everyday work of all citizens in the American democracy."

Mr. L. S. James, National Executive Secretary of the PTA presented with further clarification the theme of the place of the PTA in the total national defense program.

Monday night was called the West Virginia session. The program, presided over by Mrs. Lillian M. Trigg, included an address by Dr. Helen S. Mitchell, director of Nutrition in the office of Mr. Paul V. McNutt, co-ordinator of health, welfare and related defense activities of the Federal Security Agency, on the subject "Better Nutrition a Challenge to Parents." This followed a presentation in the afternoon by Dr. A. Henningburg, Assistant to the President, North Carolina State college, a session over which Mrs. D. C. Rayford presided.

The annual address by the National President, Mrs. May Foster McDavid was an inspiring message. Mrs. H. S. Klein, President of the W. Va. PTA, and Mrs. Charles D. Center of the National Advisory Committee, were presented.

The Tuesday morning session was presided over by Mrs. Charles S. Johnson, President of the Tennessee Congress. President Davis discussed "What Should be the Contents of a College Course in PTA Work?"

Dr. Charles S. Johnson, director of Social Sciences, Fisk university, gave a scholarly analysis of "What Parents Can Do in the Field of Juvenile Protection." Interpreting his subject from the point of view of development rather than delinquency, the speaker showed the factors necessary in the growth of the child's personality through proper control of the physical and emotional impulses. Said Dr. Johnson. "We are in position to be our own ancestors and build so that personalities of the future can find wholesome intergration."

Mrs. Viola Whyte, policeman of Baltimore, led in the discussion.

The evening schedule included

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Ice-Pick Slaying Trial Last Week

Defense witnesses were being heard late last week after the state had rested its case in the trial of James Smith, colored, of Elkridge, alleged to have stabbed Clarence Clifton to death with an ice pick after a crap game argument on July 6.

Opening statements were by Thornton Berry, prosecutor and Stewart A. Calhoun, attorney for the defendant.

Berry said that the state would attempt to prove that the defendant had stabbed Clifton five times in the heart and in several other parts of the body in cold blood.

Calhoun told the jurors that trouble had started between the two the day before in a crap game and that Clifton had attacked the defendant with a club the next day and the defendant had stabbed him to protect himself. A plea of murder in self-defense was entered.

Jurors in the case are Harry H. Stanfield, Wesley Brooker, Jim Legatto, George Evans, W. T. Rye, Charles C. Crouse, R. C. Napier, Irvin Dunn, M. L. Lineberry, N. C. Beavers and F. C. Bussey.

Smith Is Acquitted

James Smith, colored, of Elkridge, was acquitted Thursday evening of last week by a McDowell criminal court jury of the ice-pick slaying of Clarence Clifton on July 6. Smith entered a plea of self defense.

Evidence introduced by the defendant's counsel, Attorney Stewart A. Calhoun, showed that Clifton had attacked Smith with a club the day following an argument resulting from a crap game. Smith had stabbed Clifton to protect himself.

The trial went to the jury in the evening with the jury returning a verdict within an hour.

YOUNG CROZER COUPLE EXCHANGE VOWS FRIDAY

Miller - St. Clair

Miss Susie Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Miller, and Mr. Leonard Hatfield St. Clair were quietly married Friday evening, August 1, at 6:00 o'clock.

The ceremony was performed by the Reverend Mr. Wm. Miller. The bride was attired in rose and blue with matching accessories.

The groom is the son of Mrs. Annie Sue St. Clair Spencer. Mrs. St. Clair graduated in the Class of '39 of Elkhorn high school and has spent two years in school at Bluefield State Teacher college.

Mr. St. Clair graduated from Elkhorn high school in 1935.

Both Mr. and Mrs. St. Clair are active in religious and social affairs.

Out-of-town guests present were: Mrs. Spencer, mother of the groom, and Mrs. Margaret Saunders of Blacksburg, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. St. Clair are at home at Avalon-Hillcrest, Crozer

Catholic Vacation Schools Successful

Times Readers Extended Invitation to Attend Mass at Vivian or Powhatan and Learn The Catholic Doctrines

The vacation schools conducted for Catholic children of Keystone, Kimball, Northfork, Ashland, Powhatan and Mayberry during the month of July will be concluded with the reception of First Holy Communion Sunday, August 3, at Sacred Heart Church, Powhatan.

Courses in religion, primary and advanced, were given 225 students in all. A gratifying feature of the schools conducted by the Sisters of St. Joseph from Wheeling was the faithful attendance of the students.

Rev. Thomas Rafferty, the new pastor at the Catholic churches of Powhatan and Vivian, extends an invitation to the readers of the McDowell Times to attend Sunday mass at either church and receive an explanation of Catholic doctrines and practices.

War For White World Supremacy Continues

From the standpoint of the colored peoples of the world, each new development in the white world war presents a distressing picture. For which each new phase, each new shift in the theatre of war, the picture becomes clearer that this is actually a war to preserve white supremacy throughout the world.

This current war, which started two years ago in September, with the German invasion of Poland, was launched with the slogan, Defeat Hitler! With that aim, the colored peoples are in full sympathy, for they know—far better than any white man can ever hope to know—the meaning of racial prejudice, racial persecution and racial slavery! Those bitter things they have long since learned as "citizens" of white democracies.

But recent developments have showed, only too clearly, that defeat of Hitlerism is NOT the sole purpose of this war. There is another purpose—carefully cloaked but nevertheless important. Important enough at any rate, to have sent millions of betrayed people to their death!

That is Preservation of the British Empire!

That this dual purpose—the defeat of Hitler and the preservation of the British Empire—go hand in hand was sharply evident last week in the attitude taken by the United States in Far Eastern affairs. Following the occupation of Indo China by the Japanese the United States retaliated by freezing Japanese funds in this country, in the same way that German and Italian funds had previously been frozen. Yet Japan's move had been made by permission of the Hitler-dominated Vichy "government."

Cubic Miles of Ocean Water
All the oceans of the world combined contain 327,672,000 cubic miles of water; one cubic mile contains more than 2,100,000,000 gallons.

Economic Highlights

You don't have to be an au-

thority on international power politics to figure out why the Vichy government invited Japan to occupy and "protect" French Indo-China. The Machiavellian hand of Hitler can be clearly seen in this potentially explosive move. The Vichy government is completely a pawn of the Nazis. And Hitler, who is now fighting the 2 front war which he always said he would avoid may profit materially from trouble in the Pacific. So long as the Japanese sabre-rattlers remain in power and pursue their imperial policy, it will be necessary to keep much of the American navy in the Pacific, and it will also be necessary to divert much of our army and military supplies to our Pacific possessions. It is altogether likely that what Hitler would like to see is a full dress war between Japan and the U.S., in order to keep us from giving maximum aid to Britain.

This government's reaction to Japan's move into Indo China was precisely what was expected. We have long been criticized for permitting oil exports to the Nipponese—and it is an ironical fact that while we have been giving our moral support and some material support to China we have also been supplying Japan with most of the gasoline that has made the war against China possible. President Roosevelt, queried at a press conference said frankly that the government had permitted oil exports in the belief that if we shut off these vital supplies, Japan would at once attempt to seize Indo China and other rich areas, and so cause a Pacific war of the first magnitude. That policy has now proven a failure. A start toward an embargo on all commerce with Japan has been made, and Britain and her possessions have followed suit.

It is difficult to exaggerate the value of the economic weapon we hold over Hitler's empire. Cessation of commerce will mean little to us but it will mean that Japan will have lost her best customer and the sole source of many of the vital supplies she needs. With all Dutch and the English colonies on the same basis she will be entirely on her reserves. How long these will last is her military secret but it cannot be long enough to win a war. However Japan knew beforehand consequences of a march on the Indo China territory and it is a safe bet that she thinks her reserves sufficient to win thru to new sources of supply. Therefore a Japanese version of lightning war is in the offing.

Japan can look for small aid from her partners. Italy's navy is immobilized in its bases for lack of fuel and fear of battle with the English. Germany has little or no naval strength and he does not have much land help to spare—so it is Japan against U.S. and the powerful forces of Great Britain and Holland that stand in her way and dare her to start something. The situation is now at a stage where Japan cannot back out without being laughed at and accepting a back seat by being allowed only such oil as its possessor can spare.

The world has long wanted to see the Japanese fleet in action and the grandstand is rapidly filling.

Age of Swan

Studies show that twenty-five years is a ripe old age for a swan.